

MINUTES OF THE CROSSWAYS PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 March 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Brewer (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr David Clippingdale (left 8.20 pm), Cllr Scott Beeby (left 8.40pm), Cllr Gary Childs and Cllr Andrew Ward.

Cllr Nick Ireland (left 8.37pm)

5 members of the public – (2 left at 8.41 pm)

1. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND CONFIRM THE MEETING IS QUORATE.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Robert Light. The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. **TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – no decisions will be made on issues raised, items requiring decisions will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Brewer would invite Wessex Internet Ms Vicky Missen (email address vicky.missen@wessexinternet.com) to the Annual Meeting in May for an update. A member of the public confirmed that the Wessex Internet service was now available in Dick o' th Banks Road, Crossways.

A member of the public asked Cllr Ireland for an update on the site consultations being undertaken with landowners/agents. Cllr Ireland advised that a decision would be made in due course. He explained that Dorset is required to meet housing targets of around 3,700 homes per year in order to maintain a five-year housing supply. Dorset Council is currently progressing work on a new Local Plan, and Cllr Ireland emphasised his commitment to seeing this plan completed.

Cllr Connor confirmed the potholes in Woodsford Road have been repaired by Dorset Council but may well need redoing as there are signs of the material sinking.

3. **REPORT BY COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER** The Clerk had distributed the report forwarded from PCSO Alison Donnison. Residents were encouraged to report any incident or suspicious activity to the Police enquiries@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

4. **REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR NICK IRELAND**

Cllr Ireland provided a report. Full report on Dorset Council website <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/newsroom>

He advised that Dorset Council has completed resurfacing works at Bingham's and Mount Skippet Road.

He also noted that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy has been produced in collaboration with all relevant nature stakeholders, and Dorset Council is now moving into the delivery phase of this work. <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-s-local-nature-recovery-strategy>

Cllr Ireland further reported that households eligible for the £300 oil-heating support payment will be contacted directly.

5. **RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** for items on the agenda below, including. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests that members may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with the Localism Act 2011 Section 33 (b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)
None
6. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2026. Circulated to members prior to the meeting.**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 February 2026 which had previously circulated to all members were **AGREED BY COUNCIL** and signed by the Chairman.
7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA (FOR REPORT ONLY)**
Cllr Childs reported that the maintenance of the fence was required as soon as possible due to unwanted vehicles entering the Sports Field. The Clerk confirmed the wood would be delivered next and the contractor would be commencing work once delivered.
8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
To note Planning Decisions received from the Planning Authority
To note Planning Enforcement Complaints received by the Planning Authority
To consider the status report from the Planning Authority.
 - a) Planning application P/FUL/2025/04039 Proposal: Removal of a telecommunications mast and associated structures and installation of bases for the siting of static holiday caravans with decking and associated access, landscaping, drainage and other related infrastructure works. Location: Weymouth Bath Holiday Park, Preston Road, Weymouth, DT3 6BQ. No comment.
 - b) P/VOC/2026/01424 Proposal: Erect 38 No. holiday homes, with associated boat stores, bin stores, ancillary buildings, a gym, communal areas, landscape, infrastructure together with other operations including access roads. (Reserved Matters application following grant of Outline Planning Permission No. 1/D/13/001112 to determine appearance, landscaping, layout and scale). (Phase 5 - Plots 35 to 72) (with variation of conditions 1 & 2 to amend the design of the new build for Plot 60) Location: Silverlake, Shepperds View, Warmwell Road, Crossways, DT2 8GW. Support.
 - c) The Chairman reported the application for the new mast was approved under delegated powers by a Dorset Council Planning Officer in June 2024. The full details can be viewed through the Dorset Council planning portal.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=405205>

The Council have received no comments or objections from Parishioners. Cllrs discussed the matter and opted to make no representations. The applicants did put forward proposals to mitigate the visual impact of the tower and these will no doubt follow.

9. ITEMS

- a) Network Rail Wessex have launched a new email scheme to keep their lineside neighbours better informed about planned engineering and noisy or disruptive work within the local community. To sign up please use the link [Register and sign up to digital notifications - Network Rail](#)
- b) Pavilion update – purchase of shower curtains
Cllr Connor provided an update. She reported that the Clerk had received details of the appropriate shower curtains and hooks required for the pavilion showers. The Council **APPROVED** the purchase of these items. Clerk to action.
The Chairman encouraged the football team to submit their proposals for the dug-out. Cllr Connor confirmed that the team would not proceed without the Council's approval.
- c) Public Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15th April – Crossways Village Hall
Cllr Brewer reported that the public meeting would take place on Wednesday 15th April and those details had already been published in The Bridge magazine. Cllr Childs would liaise with the Webmaster to ensure the information is added to the Crossways Parish Council website. It was agreed a digital form would be useful for analysis and would be added to the parish website for residents to complete.
Cllr Ireland advised that he would request Cllr Bartlett to attend in his place. The Council also agreed to invite the Chairs of Knightsford, Warmwell and Moreton, representatives from Frome Valley School, and Cllr Lloyd Hatton, MP.
The Chairman confirmed that the Village Hall would be available from 4.00 p.m. He would also add a link to enable residents to respond online. The meeting details would additionally be shared on Facebook. The Chair would also organise drop off points around the village for residents not attending the public meeting to post their responses.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence has been forwarded to Councillors for information.

11. FINANCE AND PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

- a) To receive and approve the March 2026 payment list circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.
- b) Financial Report and bank reconciliation including earmarked reserves circulated prior to the meeting **COUNCIL APPROVED** the payments and receipts from the last meeting. Bank reconciliation signed in the meeting.
- c) The **COUNCIL APPROVED** Earmarked and general reserves.
- d) The Clerk confirmed the new Website was now available.

Date	Transaction No	Payment to	Payment Description	Total (inc)	VAT
03/03/2026	197	Central Southern Security Ltd	Annual charges for 4G Telecoms - Pavillion alarms - Invoice 213982	£96.00	£16.00
03/03/2026	198	SLCC	Membership Fees - Invoice MEM258191-1 26-2-2026	£316.00	£0.00
10/03/2026	199	Barry Thomas	123-Reg invoice for .INFO domain renewal (annual) for Crosswaysdorset.info	£38.39	£6.40
11/03/2026	200	British Gas	Pavilion - electricity bill	£26.76	£1.27
15/03/2026	201	HSBC	Commission/bank charges	£1.00	£0.00
16/03/2026	202	Dorset Council (DWP)	DWP DD - Wheelie bin rental/collection Sports Field (140ltr), Mem Park (140ltr), and Park Entrance 240ltr - February 2026	£99.14	£0.00
16/03/2026	203	The Bridge Parish Magazine (General)	The Bridge donation - precepted	£500.00	£0.00
25/03/2026	204	Woodsford Farms	Allotment rent (6 mth)	£50.00	£0.00
25/03/2026	205	Clerk- Emma Selway	HMRC Office expenses (precepted)	£312.00	£0.00
25/03/2026	206	Clerk – Emma Selway	Website Management	£300.00	£0.00
25/03/2026	207	V M Philips	Telephone (Dec255 to Feb 26 alternates only)	£102.00	£17.00
25/03/2026	208	HMRC (online payment system) to Acc 08-32-10 12001039)	PAYE (Clerk) tax and NI (Clerk EE & CPC ER) - inc £5.40 tax for TAW) March 2026 Reference 503PP000036692612	£548.70	£0.00
26/03/2026	212	Dorset County Pension Fund	Employee and Employer contributions March 2026 (£115.00 + £436.21)	£551.21	£0.00
TOTALS				£4,861.50	£40.67

Income since 26 February 2026

27/02/2026	Allotment fees	£	12.00
01/03/2026	Allotment fees	£	12.00
01/03/2026	Interest payment from Redwood Bank	£	226.27
16/03/2025	Interest for A/C ****6560	£	2.29
20/03/2026	Allotment fees	£	24.00
22/03/2025	Interest for A/C ****8887	£	<u>42.17</u>

Total income £ 318.73

Total Expenditure this Financial Year **£ 158,294.06**

(including £81,423.85 to new Hampshire Bank)

Total Income this Financial Year **£ 249,416.65**

(including £81,423.85 to new Hampshire Bank)

Account balances as at 26 February 2026

HSBC A/C ****8879 - Community Account	£ 49,764.99
HSBC A/C ****8887 - Money Manager Account	£ 40,808.90
HSBC A/C ****6560 - Sports Field account	£ 2,174.08
Redwood Bank (A/C ****4964) – Savings account	£ 80,000.00
Hampshire Trust Bank (A/C ****4184) – CIL Savings account	<u>£ 81,423.85</u>
Total balance	<u>£ 254,171.82</u>

Payments to be approved by the Council for invoices received since the last meeting.

18/03/2026	Steve Manuel, Grass cutting contract (March 17 th)	£ 280.00
18/03/2026	Steve Manuel Repairs to Pavilion fence	£ 2,126.00
18/03/2026	Asset AV Events B Ballard – Public Meeting	£ 144.00

The summary of this report, plus any other payments authorised at the meeting to be included within the Minutes will include totals but will exclude any details of any personal payments to or directly associated with employees. Report **APPROVED BY COUNCIL**.

12. Reports from Committees and Representatives (Information Only)

- a) A resident requested that the Village Hall be considered for listing. The Trustees submitted all the required information as part of the application. A response was received from the Listing Co-ordinator at Historic England confirming that the Village Hall would not be added to the List. The application was therefore refused.
- b) Youth Club event would include a Food Fair May Bank Holiday 2027.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH AND OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Contact the Clerk with any items for the Agenda

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Next meeting – Thursday 30 April 2026 Crossways Village Hall, Crossways. Annual Parish Meeting would take place at 7.00 pm prior to the full council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.06 pm.

Signed.....(Chairman).....2026